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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady on hens, about steady on toms. Offers were adequate on toms, hens were in a closer position. Inquiries were light to fair. A fair volume of hens and toms were traded for October delivery. Fresh tom breast meat was available with spot discounts noted, fresh destrapped tenders were steady and thigh meat was steady to fully steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

New negotiations on mechanically separated turkey were limited due to the amount of current and future production already committed to fill existing orders. Trading was moderate on frozen tom drums, light on fresh tom drums, thigh meat and hen defatted gizzards.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	77-79	78.25	320	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-74	72	72.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-74	74	74.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT. 01, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00 **	77.50 **	67.68	EASTERN REGION	76.28	73.57	65.65
CENTRAL REGION	77.87	77.00	67.73	CENTRAL REGION	75.93	72.69	64.81
WESTERN REGION	77.10 **	76.83	67.40 **	WESTERN REGION	75.86	73.05	65.50
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00	72.80 **	70.15	EASTERN REGION	72.76	72.67	69.26
CENTRAL REGION	73.96	74.00	72.50	CENTRAL REGION	72.85	71.60	68.00
WESTERN REGION	72.70 **	72.00	70.10 **	WESTERN REGION	72.29	71.95	69.07

**BASED ON OFFERS

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 04-OCT-99			
	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	81.91	230	76.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.82	110	76.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	82.00	120		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---		FRYER-	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	ROASTERS	BANDED	AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND	HEAD---	WT
N EAST	962	166	22.27	(A)	(A)	963 22.30
S ATL	469	5	28.46	(A)	(A)	474 28.46
N CENT	1,967	-14	27.57	(A)	(A)	1,982 27.57
S CENT	711	3	19.03	NONE	NONE	711 19.03
WEST	709	273	24.91	(A)	(A)	717 24.94
U.S.TOTAL	4,818(B)	21	24.95	0	29	4,847 24.97

TO DATE

1999 177,668(B) 55 1,324 179,047

TO DATE

1998 186,793(B) 72 1,376 188,241

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 559,000; last year to date 953,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,818	29	4,847
AVGWT	0.00	24.95	28.48	24.97
LAST WEEK	0	3,969	48	4,017
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,602	39	5,641
AVGWT	0.00	24.56(A)	24.64	24.56
TO-DATE/1999	55	177,668(A)	1,324	179,047
TO-DATE/1998	72	186,793(A)	1,376	188,241

(A) Includes 559,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 953,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 18-Sep-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 709 HD, 17,661 LBS,
TO DATE 12,702 HD, 307,152 LBS; OLD 8 HD, TO DATE 202 HD;
TOTAL 717 HD, TO DATE 12,904 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST 485,366 *
SEPTEMBER 1-18, 1999 237,596 *

To date 1999 3,662,343 *

To date 1998 3,758,962 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Undertone fully steady to firm on 4-8 lb. breasts, fully steady on thigh meat, 2-joint wings steady to firm with hens strongest, balance of bulk parts steady to fully steady with the exception of tails being steady. Mechanically separated skin added turkey (MST) undertone generally steady on fresh, frozen fully steady to firm. Demand light to fair. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts short, bulk parts light to adequate with hens tightest, scapula adequate, MST light on frozen with fresh available. Fresh: tomwings (1 load) 18.50, destrapped tenderloins (part load) 175. For export: frozen tom breast meat (part load) 168 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.00		106.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	99.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	18.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	16.00		16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	54.00	60
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	185.00	40
THIGH MEAT	61.00		61.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00-62.00		61.29	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT	111.00		111.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00		75.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	158.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	174.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	55.76	161
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	21.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-18.50		18.20	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	105
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	90

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 OCTOBER 1999.

Undertone steady to weak on fresh tom breast meat with some sellers willing to negotiate, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady, frozen whole tenderloins steady at best. White meat demand light to fair with regular breast trim inquiry going unfilled. Demand on mechanically separated turkey light to fair with some further processors noting increased sausage making activity. For domestic: yearling hen drums (7 loads) 15, fresh destrapped tenderloins (3.50 loads) 174-177 cents delivered. For export: Fresh tom drums (1 load) 18, hen defatted gizzards (1 container) 70 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	106.00	80	104.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	105.00		105.00	40	104.11	47
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-18.50		18.25	158	18.28	278
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	16.00	80	16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	120	18.75	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.33	60	19.70	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	160	23.67	300
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	57.00		57.00	20	54.75	80
NECKS, TOM	16.50-17.00		16.52	42	16.54	262
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	171.00		171.00	7	172.70	47
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	179.00		179.00	40	187.00	360
THIGH MEAT		R	61.00	40	60.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	59.00-66.00		62.44	78	61.89	148
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	20	110.67	60
SCAPULA MEAT		R	75.00	40	75.00	40
TENDERLOINS	160.00		160.00	12	158.46	52
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	174.00	20		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00-58.00		56.00	120	56.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.76	170	18.90	210
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-19.00		18.57	424	18.48	556
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	52	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	105	21.28	265
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-61.50		59.33	120	59.62	210

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